

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

Indo-Pacific Deployment 2025

The JMSDF will conduct Indo-Pacific Deployment 2025 (IPD25) as described below in order to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF tactical capabilities and to strengthen cooperation with the allied and partner navies in the Indo-Pacific region through conducting exercises.
- (2) To contribute to the peace and stability of the region and to enhance mutual understanding and relationship with partner navies through the deployment.

2. Period

April 21 - November 21

3. Participating Units

(1) First Surface Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
CDR TAMURA Masayoshi, Commanding Officer, JS *YAHAGI*

- b. Units
JS *YAHAGI*

(2) Second Surface Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
RADM IKEUCHI Izuru, Commander, Mine Warfare Force

- b. Units
JS *OHSUMI*, LCACx2

(3) Third Surface Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
RADM NATSUI Takashi, Commander, Escort Flotilla 4

- b. Unit
JS *ISE*, JS *SUZUNAMI*

(4) Fourth Surface Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
CDR NISHIOKA Terumichi, Commanding Officer, JS *AKEBONO*

- b. Unit
JS *AKEBONO*

(5) Air Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
CDR KAWABATA Shingo, Commanding Officer, Flight Division 12
- b. Unit
P-1 x1

(6) Submarine Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
Each Submarine Commanding Officer
- b. Unit
Submarines

(7) Dispatched VBSS (Visit, Board, Search and Seizure) Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
Senior Officer
- b. Unit
MSDF 1st Service School, Special Boarding Unit, Yokosuka Fleet Training Group

(8) Dispatched Engineer Unit

- a. Commanding Officer
Senior Officer
- b. Unit
Yokosuka District, Kure District, Fleet Air Force, MSDF 3rd Service School

4. Visiting countries (In alphabetical sequence)

Australia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Malaysia, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Oman, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America, Vanuatu
(Countries to visit are still under coordination.)

5. Main Participating Exercises

- (1) Balikatan 25
- (2) International Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX 2025)
- (3) Langkawi International Maritime and Airshow Exhibition (LIMA 2025)
- (4) Talisman Sabre 2025
- (5) Super Garuda Shield 2025
- (6) Pacific Vanguard 2025
- (7) Joint Exercise with the UK Carrier Strike Group
- (8) MALABAR 2025
- (9) Pacific Partnership 2025